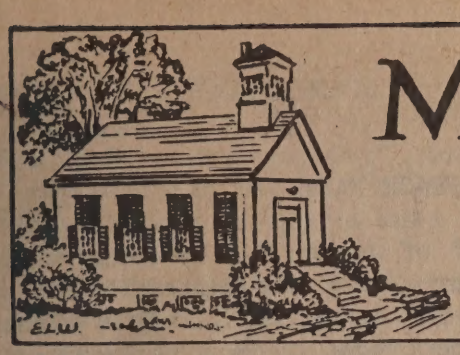

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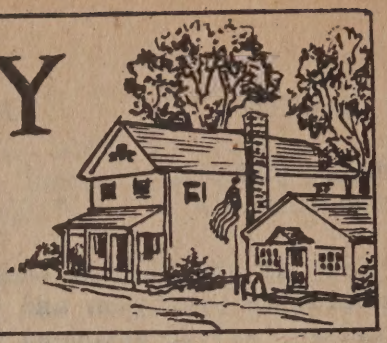

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MONTEREY NEWS MAKES NEWS

Ring out the old; ring in the new. We've given up the mimeograph machine and gone to the printer. You can't help but notice the difference, and we hope you like it.

The first few issues will be experimental. For instance, in this issue the position of the Grange News, Gould Farm News and the Youth News has been usurped by a special questionnaire which will help Mickey Friedman and John MacGruer make a documentary film about Monterey. It will also help you think about Monterey and your place in it. Grange, Gould Farm and Youth News will be back in full force next month. Bear with us during the next few months and please give us your reactions and ideas about the new format.

The Editors and Staff

MONTEREY INCLUDED IN NEW BOOK

The story of the Monterey community and the Monterey United Church of Christ is included in a book by Owen D. Owens entitled "Growing Churches for a New Age" published by Judson Press in June of this year. The chapter on Monterey in entitled "Spiritual Energy." Dr. Owens found continuity between the pioneering spirit that went into the town's early development and the energy which exists in its present life. His concern was to show how various churches throughout the nation are in creative encounter with our culture and are therefore giving hope in a time of national crisis.

The element that Dr. Owens particularly noted in Monterey is the Church's relationship to the larger community. He points to the delicate balance that is required for a church to preserve its own integrity and at the same time be open, responsive and prophetic to the whole community.

Copies of the book will soon be available for loan through the church and possibly through the Monterey Library.

I LOVE MONTEREY DAY COMING UP

I Love Monterey Day is scheduled for Saturday, August 8th, from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. A description of the day, a schedule of events and a write-in coupon may be found on Page 4.

LIBRARY BOOKSALE

The annual booksale to aid the Monterey Public Library will be held on the library lawn on Saturday, July 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. "Good Reading at Little Expense" is the word of the day, and remember the Firemen's Steak Roast begins at 4:00 p.m. of that same day, and the Monterey Energy Project Auction will be held the night before in Greene Park. Big weekend in Monterey. Come One - Come All.

NUCLEAR WASTE DUMP IN WESTERN MASS.

A statewide Nuclear Task Force Referendum Campaign is underway to head off legislation calling for the creation of a regional waste facility in Massachusetts. Berkshire, Hampden, and Franklin counties are pulling together in this effort, because western Massachusetts could well be the location choice. People interested in aiding the effort may call Gordon Harris at 229-3457.

NAGASAKI-HIROSHIMA COMMEMORATIVE

People for Peace is sponsoring a Nagasaki-Hiroshima Commemorative gathering on August 9th at The Albert Schweitzer Center on Hurlburt Road in Great Barrington. An hour of silent meditation will begin at 2:00 p.m. Guest speaker Maud Easter goes on at 3:00 p.m. Easter has had years of direct experience working with Japanese and Korean atomic blast victims. A sing-a-long with Steve Rose and Taylor Pie will follow. All are welcome.

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People for Peace will meet next at St. James Church in Great Barrington on July 26th at 5:15 p.m.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey
Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. at the parsonage. Meditation and prayer Thursdays 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited to join us. Prayer group Thursdays 7:45 p.m. at the home of Lucy Smith.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP - AUGUST 9

The Ecumenical Worship for Monterey will be on Sunday, August 9th at 10:30 a.m. It will be held in the tent at Greene Park which will be carried over from the "I Love Monterey Day" celebration. It will continue the theme of world peace begun the preceding day. Dr. Brallier stated that this is a wholly appropriate way for the Church to celebrate, seeking and praying for peace among all peoples of the world.

Musicians, both vocal and instrumental in the whole community, are being asked to help make this a memorable day. Any wishing to sing with the choir or play in the instrumental group are asked to contact Marie Brallier at 528-1031.

Posters related to peace will circle the worship area, as any and all worshipers are invited to put peace knowledge they cherish on posters to share with all others.

There will be representatives of all faiths participating in the conduct of the worship. Dr. Brallier indicated this will be an opportunity for the community people at large to show their dedication to peace.

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HIROSHIMA PEACE FAST

The weekend of August 7-9 is being widely observed throughout the United States as the "Hiroshima Peace Fast." This event is being encouraged by many peace organizations and is being organized in particular by the Fellowship of Reconciliation, one of the oldest and most respected peace organizations in our land. People are being asked to fast, each person on the level suitable to himself. Some will take only juices for the three days. Some will skip the main meal each day. Some will take a stringent course and others less so.

Why celebrate "Hiroshima Peace Fast?" The reasons could be many. If you care to take a position for peace, that's reason enough. For some it will recall our nation's action to drop the first atomic bomb, killing many thousands outright and causing many thousands more who continued to live to envy the dead.

People are encouraged with the money they save on food to give material support to build peace. Proceeds from the Hiroshima Peace Fast will be sent to the Fellowship of Reconciliation to help strengthen their efforts toward a peaceful world. The Monterey Church will receive monies and send on to the Fellowship of Reconciliation, or those who wish to send their money directly will be given the address.

The Monterey United Church of Christ encourages the whole community to join in making a powerful witness for peace in this "Hiroshima Peace Fast."

GRAVITY CAR RACE

This year's Gravity Car Race is scheduled for noon, September 6 on Wallace Hall Road. Sets of rules for entrants are available at Precision Auto Craft or Foster's Hardware Store in Great Barrington. It will be sponsored by the Monterey Fire Company, who will serve snacks and drinks at mid-course

The "I Love Monterey Day" celebration this year has chosen world peace as its theme. Our first reaction may be, "That's a big theme for a small town." Indeed some questioned, "What difference can we make in such an overpowering world issue?"

I speak for myself. I am proud that Monterey has chosen to speak to so large an issue and one so urgent. Whether we like it or not, preserving peace in the world may well be the one issue upon which practically all other values in our lives depends. If we lose the search for world peace during the next ten years and nuclear war breaks out, what other values will we be working on when the holocaust is over? When we begin to think in these terms practically all other issues fade into insignificance.

Now is the time for all people who care about the planet earth to begin taking a clear position. The drift toward the politics and psychology of force is unmistakable. Few people doubt that it is happening. But also so very many feel a great powerlessness. They act as if the inevitable has come and they do not imagine their voice or effort will make any difference.

When Germany swung toward a military and violent position in the 1930's many of her citizens saw and deplored what was happening. Yet they felt powerless. People who could have spoken up remained silent. In the early period people had freedom to speak. Later it became very dangerous to criticize the political climate. The end of that story is now a tragic history no one dares forget.

A Jewish friend said to me recently, commenting on our nation's drift toward military answers to world tensions, "I hope the churches speak up. If they don't, who will?" This is a true concern of the church which received its charter from one called "The Prince of Peace." Yet it is much wider. All who care about quality in life - and about life itself - have profound concern over the directions we go.

In taking a step toward peace we will not all find ourselves taking the same approach. But let it be said clearly, "You count much more than you think! Take a position. Find a place to stand!" Germany went over the precipice because too many good people froze into silence. Let not that cynical observation be made of us, "The only thing we learn from history is that we learn nothing from history."

Many are finding a place to stand by joining with others who oppose the mindless build-up of nuclear weapons. They know that we tend to use the form of power we trust. Many sorts of people can begin to unite and act under this banner. I have a growing conviction that all who are able must take additional steps toward peace. We may begin our concern for peace by an abhorrence for war and all its sorry works. But any final overcoming of war, most certainly, calls for a firm commitment to learn the ways of peace. Because we have not learned the ways of peace, again and again we employ the old broken crutches of force and violence. Hating war is not enough. Until we have really learned the ways of peace we will keep on falling back on the primitive blunderbuss that all violent methods employ.

Yes, the primitive, the beast, the fearful person still is in us - but is it not also waiting to be outgrown? Even as the stage seems to be getting set for humanity to have one awful nightmare - employing our old primitive hates and fears, there is another stage being set. On this one the ways of peace are being learned and practiced. From all around the world there are evidences of people from many walks of life experimenting with patterns that employ cooperation. Communities within communities are being formed to deepen the search. Stories of amazing patience are appearing. Strong initiatives in using techniques of reconciliation are being used. In El Salvador, in Argentina, in Poland, to name a few - places of strong oppression - a new breed of humanity is starting to show itself. People who are strong in spirit but non-violent in character are beginning to

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I LOVE MONTEREY DAY ** PROGRAM OF EVENTS August 8, 1981

11:00 - 11:30	PARADE - All are welcome to make their own peace posters BAND - Anyone who plays anything from washboard to wind instrument is welcome. Call Arnie Hayes for rehearsal time.
11:30 - 5:00	CRAFTS FAIR/ART SHOW - Farmers' Market for World Hunger; Pony Rides; T-shirt sales; craft demonstrations. Anyone wishing a booth please call Joni Frankel. Also, if you can, contribute vegetables to the market. All will be under the big tent.
11:30 - 12:30	Monterey Peace Olympics - Relay races and sports events organized by Gail Kottler and Jim Colodny. Anyone wishing to help or participate - call.
12:30 - 2:00	Food and music and milling around. International food and the Fire Department's hamburger-hot dog-drinks stand.
2:00 - 2:30	A historical look at Monterey as a "Community for Peace". Skits arranged by Sherry Colodny and Ann Williams.
2:30 - 3:15	PUBLIC FORUM - MONTEREY TODAY - Monterey speaks out about World Peace and its relevance to Monterey. Will Friedman is M.C.
3:30 - 4:00	MUSIC
4:00 - 4:30	MONTEREY POETRY READINGS - Do you love Monterey? Tell us why on the coupon in this issue and your loving lines will be incorporated into a gigantic Monterey poem to be read at this time. Monterey poets and writers are invited to read any work they want to share with everyone.
4:30 - 5:30	COMMUNITY SINGALONG FOR PEACE - Peace songs, international songs. Do you have a favorite we can include? Do you have a guitar, banjo, whatever to share this hour of singing with? The song sheets will be given out - any favorites can be called in to Sharon. The Monterey Choir will end this event with Dona Nobis Pacem.
5:30	MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR WORLD PEACE. Announcements of evening events.
8:00 - 11:00	MUSIC AND DANCE.

I LOVE MONTEREY DAY is shaping up to be another extravaganza. Bring kites, musical instruments for informal group folk singing at the park. There will be a sign-up sheet at the General Store for those who will help, those who wish to speak at the forum, those who will contribute food for the Farmers' Market. Proceeds of the Farmers' Market will go to UNICEF. More surprises will happen on the day as new brainstorms arise among us all. DO MAKE POSTERS!!

For information call: Sharon Steinberg 528-4115; Will Friedman 528-9636; Jim Colodny 528-2381; Ann Williams 528-2348; Arnie Hayes 528-1874.

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Monterey Film Questionnaire

The Massachusetts Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy has awarded Mickey Friedman of Monterey and John MacGruer of Sandisfield, a grant to produce a 30 minute film on how people in Monterey respond in different ways to the energy crisis. While some people would prefer to act on their own, others would rather work as a group with their neighbors. Of course the attempt to bring people together can sometimes create as many problems as it solves. For us to get a fair and balanced view of your thoughts about the energy activities underway in Monterey, we would appreciate your taking the time to answer the following questions.

The finished film will be shown in several communities in Western Massachusetts. We are working with Channel 57 in Springfield so that the film may also be shown locally and nationally over the Public Television network.

All questionnaires should be completed by August 9. Simply tear out the form and drop it off in boxes located at Walsh's Gas Station, the Monterey General Store, the Roadside Store or mail to John MacGruer, South Sandisfield Rd., Sandisfield, Mass. 01255.

Please read all the questions before answering.

1) Some people think that Monterey is a special community. What do you think, and why?

2) Whether you did or did not participate, what are your thoughts about last year's energy contest?

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3) Beside the energy crisis, Monterey has faced other problems in its past. What problems come to mind? How did individuals and town groups respond?

4) What do you think the Monterey Energy Project has accomplished for the community? Has it created any problems?

5) What do you want to see in this film so that it faithfully represents how Monterey is tackling the energy crisis?

We encourage you to add any further comments or suggestions. If you have any ideas concerning this film that you would like to discuss with Mickey Friedman or John MacGruer, please give your name and phone number so you can be contacted.

Thank you very much,

Mickey Friedman
John MacGruer

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To The Editor:

A good majority of the people with whom I have talked to in the Lake Shore District (all the land measured from the mean high water mark back 260 feet) are extremely disturbed with the new "high rise" (35 feet high, 4 stories high) house that is now under construction. You don't have to live on the lake or near the lake to see it. It is jarring and obtrusive also to all who travel on Beartown Road and Tyringham Road.

I have spoken to all our Selectmen and many members of the Planning Board and they agree that something has to be done about any future home building in the Lake Shore District.

For those who are not familiar with the zoning by-laws, and a surprising number are not, the by-laws provide for a maximum height of 35 feet and no more than two stories high for multi-family dwellings only. Since the Lake Shore District is zoned for one family dwellings only, there is no provision made in the by-laws for building restrictions. Newcomers and outside contractors coming to Monterey can build any kind of structure - and any height- destroying the existing views of those of us who have been here many years.

We will be celebrating "I Love Monterey Day" on August 8th and I would think that one of the many wonderful attributes of Monterey has been our charm and sensible use of our land - the kind of homes that nestle into the land unobtrusively.

I am calling upon all voting residents to help petition the Selectmen to include an article amending the by-laws in the upcoming special town meeting; to also contact the Planning Board members to help them formulate a building code for one family dwellings. That would retain our natural beauty and tranquility.

Sincerely,
Jean Germain

This month we thank the following contributors to the Monterey News:

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make a dent in the consciousness of the world. I make a prediction. We are going to be hearing more and more about some of these ventures into a new way to exercise our humanness. The one thing so many of these experiments have in common is that they are learning the ways of peace, and this way of peace making is doing it in the face of fierce tyranny and oppression. Keep your eye open. Listen with your heart. Peacemaking is in the laboratory of the world. One of the laboratories for learning the ways of peace is nearer than you think. You may already be working in it.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE

Anjelica Claire, the daughter of Judith and Tim Freeman, was born on June 23rd.

Gabriel D. Gottlieb-Schulze, the son of Karen Gottlieb-Schulze and Peter Schulze, was born on July 11th.

PRE*SCHOOL IN MONTEREY

A Monterey Pre-School is being planned for the fall of this year.

Needed: a large winterized space for 15-20 children. Anyone with space available and all interested parents of children from 3 months to 4 years please call Joan Boyer at 528-0028.

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